

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cullan, did you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Lamb. I sat on the Education Committee and I attended the particular hearing on this measure and I think the Education Committee recognizes the fact that Senator Lamb's approach had been successful and they looked at that policy issue and decided to indefinitely postpone the bill to repeal the measure which Senator Lamb enacted at some point in time. So I believe that it is appropriate for us to put this small amount of money back in the budget and I support Senator Lamb's effort in that regard. I would like to make one other point. It appears to me from the budget recommendations that the Appropriations Committee has adopted to us and I would like Senator Warner to speak to this at a later time if he could. It appears to me that the Appropriations Committee made their recommendations upon the premise that a number of long-standing policies of the Legislature with respect to certain changes, programs would be changed and that different pieces of legislation repealing or altering funding levels for various programs would be enacted and when those proposals were killed in committee we have not yet seen any changes in the Budget Committee's recommendations to the Legislature and some of those programs require that funds be committed to certain operations and the budget documents evidently do not reflect the fact that those various bills introduced either by the Governor or the Appropriations Committee or Performance and Review have been killed in committee or that committee amendments have been adopted to various bills reversing the policy decisions recommended to us by the Budget Committee. And so I would support Senator Lamb partially because I think his program is correct but also because the Education Committee clearly rejected the policy decision recommended to us by the Budget Committee and I think that the Budget Committee now has the responsibility to go back and look at this area and other areas to incorporate those changes into the budget to reflect the decisions made at the various stages of the legislative consideration. So I support Senator Lamb and I urge you to do likewise.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, did you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I rise to support Senator Lamb also. As Senator Cullan just pointed out the Education Committee did examine this issue and the policy that is inscribed in LB 616 that was brought to us by the Performance and Review Committee and rejected the idea of